

environmental issues the village should address for the future.

Tri-Valley Community Library and the After School Yearbook Club at Healy school celebrated the 40th anniversary of the local school.

Mr. President, I am so proud of all of these young people. I value their idealism, energy, creativity, and unique perspectives as they volunteer to make their communities better and assist those in need.

Many similarly wonderful activities will be taking place all across the Nation. I encourage all of my colleagues to visit the Youth Service America Web site—www.ysa.org—to find out about the selfless and creative youth who are contributing in their own States this year.

I thank my colleagues—Senators AKAKA, BAYH, BEGICH, BINGAMAN, BURR, CARDIN, COCHRAN, COLLINS, DODD, FEINSTEIN, GILLIBRAND, GREGG, HAGAN, ISAKSON, KLOBUCHAR, LANDRIEU, LAUTENBERG, LEMIEUX, LIEBERMAN, LINCOLN, MENENDEZ, MIKULSKI, MURRAY, BEN NELSON, STABENOW, and MARK UDALL—for standing with me as original cosponsors of this worthwhile resolution which will ensure that youth across the country and the world know that all of their hard work is greatly appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DOROTHY I. HEIGHT

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a great Civil Rights leader of our Nation, who passed away recently. I come to the floor in her memory to pause for just a moment and to remember this great lady.

Tuesday, the Nation lost a powerful advocate for justice, equality, and opportunity for all people. Dr. Dorothy I. Height was truly a heroine of the civil rights movement. She was a civil rights trailblazer whose courage and determination has allowed women around the nation to break through glass ceilings and realize their dreams. She has certainly been an inspiration to me personally.

Dr. Height was the chair and president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated. The council was founded by Mary McLeod Bethune. She brought 28 national women leaders together to improve the quality of life for women. Dr. Height embraced that vision and continued the crusade for justice. Through her leadership, she changed our nation by shining a light on discrimination and injustice that was all too common in America during the 20th century.

Dr. Height was also a member of many other organizations such as the YWCA and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Through her dedication and commitment in these organizations, she encouraged women to be leaders in national and community organizations and on college campuses. She had an extraordinary presence, a really big and wonderful heart, she was a great

intellect, and she had a passion for people. She is an example of the impact that women have on leadership. She was born not only to be all a woman could be, but all a person could be, all a leader could be. Dr. Dorothy Height will always be respectfully remembered.

She has received many awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award, the Congressional Gold Medal Award. I was proud to join my Senate colleagues on sponsoring a Senate resolution honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Height. She will be greatly missed and her legacy will live on in the women she inspired.

AMERICAN CITY QUALITY MONTH

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize April as the 22nd Annual National American City Quality Month. Led by the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, American City Planning Directors' Council/American City Quality Foundation, Urban Land Institute, City Planning and Management Division of the American Planning Association, International City/County Management Association, American Public Transportation Association, American Society of Landscape Architects and others, this valuable program brings together a wide range of public and private partners. Their efforts demonstrate what it takes to plan and develop better quality communities addressing vital issues including land use, building design, transportation, housing, parks and recreation, energy efficiency, economic development, environmental protection, sustainability and livability.

City planners across my State of Maine and throughout the Nation are calling on public and private sector leaders to commit to preparing, adopting and implementing a nationwide better quality communities plan that will lead to better planning, redevelopment and development of our Nation's cities and surrounding regions. This is essential to accommodate U.S. Census projected population growth of about 30 million by the year 2020 and 100 million within 30 to 40 years. This is the equivalent of building eleven cities the size of Chicago. Also, it will help to create jobs, stop urban sprawl, guide billions of dollars of investment to improve communities while lowering governmental operating expenses and taxes.

This public-private partnership is necessary to meet the growing need for higher quality, more energy efficient and sustainable housing, buildings, public transportation, infrastructure, agriculture, and industry. All citizens are urged to get involved by contacting their community planners. I applaud these collaborative efforts to improve urban and rural communities across our Nation.

This collaborative planning works. Just last year, Forbes Magazine named

Portland, ME, my State's largest city, as the most livable city in America. In addition, Portland's busy Commercial Street was voted as one of the country's great streets by the American Planning Association. The transformation of Portland did not happen by accident. It is the result of citizens and organizations working together. American City Quality Month celebrates this effort. This year our Governor, John Baldacci, proclaimed April as American City Quality Month. Other Governors and officials are invited to do the same.

RECOGNIZING MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I speak often about the excellent higher education opportunities that are available in Vermont. Today, I want to honor Middlebury College for a new business venture that builds upon its academic reputation in foreign languages.

A small, liberal arts school of 2400 students, located in Addison County, Middlebury is a campus that is rooted in Vermont's rich culture, while charting the way forward to the future. From using wood chips to heat and cool buildings across the campus, to local food initiatives, to recycling building materials, students, faculty and staff use creativity and build on a tradition of excellence in helping to take the college to the next level.

This week, Middlebury College was hailed as one of the Nation's top "green colleges" in a new ranking by the Princeton Review. And a recent article in the New York Times described the college's new and innovative business partnership to develop an online language program for precollege students. Already well known for its intensive summer language programs, Middlebury will be able to broaden its reach and impact by bringing a language program directly into the homes of American students wanting to learn new languages.

The Internet has emerged as a significant learning tool, and connecting students with language instruction on the Web is a wonderful academic idea as well as an innovative business initiative.

I know that Middlebury College will continue to be a leader in academic innovation, and I wish them the best in their new endeavor.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING CLEMSON UNIVERSITY SCROLL OF HONOR

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in recognizing a historic event taking place in Clemson, SC. Today, Clemson University and the Clemson Corps are dedicating its Scroll of Honor Memorial, which recognizes the 473 Clemson University alumni who sacrificed their lives protecting and defending our Nation.